

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 31-47 were pending of which Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 27, 29 and 31 were rejected and Claims 7, 8, 21, 23 and 25 were objected to. Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 23 has been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to Claims 7, 8, 21, 23 and 25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each of these claims depends from Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of Claim 23 into Claim 1, thereby rendering Claim 1 allowable. Since Claims 7, 8, 21 and 25 depend from Claim 1, these claims are also allowable. No new matter has been added in the claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 27, 29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Algrain et al. As noted above, the limitations of Claim 23 have been incorporated into Claim 1, thereby making Claim 1 allowable. Claims 2-6, 9, 10, 27, 29 and 31 depend from Claim 1 and these claims are therefore likewise allowable.

Allowed Claims

Claims 32-47 were allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended and Claim 23 has been cancelled leaving Claims 1-10, 21, 25, 27, 29 and 31-47 pending. For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1-10, 21, 25, 27, 29 and 31-47. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8201.

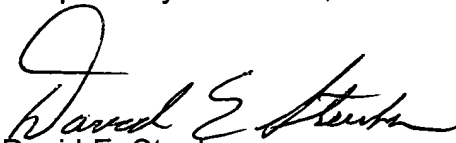
The undersigned notes that he has recently taken over the prosecution of this application and is acting pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34 pending execution of a power of attorney. Please note that a new attorney docket number has been assigned to this application.

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